

Lincoln, NE - Congressman Jeff Fortenberry last night led a discussion about renewable energy in Nebraska at the Mary Riempa Ross Media Arts Center on the city campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). The forum was held following the premiere screening of "Renewable Energy and Nebraska' Future," a film documentary produced by UNL Journalism students.

"America needs a bold, new energy vision, and Nebraska can help lead the way," Fortenberry said. "Our sustainable energy future must include the integration of conservation and new technologies powered by clean renewable sources, such as wind, solar, biomass, and biofuels.

"Nebraska is well-positioned to lead a renewable energy future. Our natural resource base, as well as the advanced research capabilities of our university system and the drive and innovation of our renewable energy entrepreneurs, empowers our state to help America strengthen its economic and national security through energy independence."

Fortenberry is a member of the House Agriculture Committee and has supported several renewable energy initiatives in Congress. In the 2007 Farm Bill, his Rural Energy Self-Sufficiency Initiative was approved to support rural communities seeking to become self-sufficient in energy production through the use of renewable sources. He has also cosponsored legislation to extend the tax credits designed to promote alternative energy sources such as wind and solar.

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